

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1           Claim 1 (currently amended): A portable telephone  
2           unit comprising a waterproof rib having a quarter sphere  
3           shape and formed of a soft material provided on the  
4           periphery of a joint surface of one of upper and lower  
5           cases formed of hard material, that is, on a cavity side of  
6           a mold, integrally with said hard material, wherein said  
7           waterproof rib is fitted into a waterproof groove opposed  
8           thereto, thereby to join the upper and lower cases  
9           water-tightly to each other.

1           Claim 2 (original): The portable telephone unit  
2           according to Claim 1, wherein the waterproof groove opposed  
3           to said waterproof rib is formed of the soft material.

Claim 3 (cancelled)

1           Claim 4 (previously presented): A portable telephone  
2           unit comprising soft material that protrudes more than hard  
3           material formed on surfaces of upper and lower cases formed  
4           of the hard material, wherein a portion of a surface of the  
5           soft material is corrugated to facilitate shock absorption.

Claim 5 (cancelled)

1           Claim 6 (previously presented):     The portable  
2     telephone unit according to claim 4, wherein the soft  
3     material covers a grip portion of the upper and lower  
4     cases.

1           Claim 7 (withdrawn):    A manufacturing method of a  
2     portable telephone unit comprising the steps of:

3           using a mold core in common at the hard material  
4     molding time and at the soft material molding time; and

5           moving the common core alternatively between a cavity  
6     for soft material molding and a cavity for hard material  
7     molding,

8           whereby the simultaneous and integral molding of the  
9     hard material and the soft material can be performed using  
10    the same mold.

1           Claim 8 (currently amended):   A portable telephone  
2     unit comprising:

3           an upper case;

4           a lower case coupled to the upper case;

5           a waterproof rib formed of soft material located on a  
6     periphery of one of the upper and lower cases; and

7           a waterproof groove formed of the soft material

8 located on a periphery of the other of the upper and lower  
9 cases,

10 wherein the waterproof rib and the waterproof groove  
11 are coupled together to facilitate a waterproof coupling  
12 between the upper case and the lower case, and

13 wherein a portion of a surface of the soft material is  
14 corrugated to facilitate shock absorption.

1 Claim 9 (previously presented): The portable  
2 telephone unit of claim 7, wherein a leading end shape of  
3 the waterproof rib is formed of a fan-shaped section.

1 Claim 10 (previously presented): The portable  
2 telephone unit of claim 7, wherein the upper and lower  
3 cases are formed of a hard resin material.

Claims 11 and 12 (cancelled)

1 Claim 13 (previously presented): The portable  
2 telephone unit of claim 10, wherein the soft material  
3 formed on the surfaces of the upper and lower cases is  
4 formed on a gripping portion of the portable telephone.

1 Claim 14 (previously presented): The portable  
2 telephone unit of claim 7, wherein at least one of the  
3 waterproof rib and the waterproof groove is formed

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4 integrally with at least one of the upper case and the  
5 lower case.